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In the Specification

Please amend page 1, line 2, by inserting the following sentence and heading:

-- This application is a continuation of international application number PCT/NO02/00321 filed September 12, 2002 which claims priority to Great Britain Application 0122049.0 filed September 12, 2001, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Field of Invention--

Please insert the following heading before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8:

--Background of the Invention--

Please insert the following heading before the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 18:

--Summary of the Invention--

Please insert the following paragraphs and headings before the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 23:

--The present invention further provides a method of magnetic resonance imaging of a sample. The method includes the steps of:
i) administering a hyperpolarised MR imaging agent comprising non-zero nuclear spin nuclei into the sample;
ii) exposing the sample to a radiation at a frequency selected to excite nuclear spin transitions in the non-zero nuclear spin nuclei;